

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies

Inaugural Platform Facts & Figures

- The inaugural platform is constructed entirely from scratch for each inaugural ceremony.
- The platform will be more than 10,000 square feet – the same size as the platform used for the 2005 inaugural, which was the largest platform ever built for an inauguration.
- On inauguration day it will hold more than 1,600 people including:
 - The President and Vice-President-elects and their families
 - Members of U.S. Senate and House of Representatives
 - Cabinet members and nominees
 - Justices of the Supreme Court
 - The outgoing President and Vice President
 - Former presidents
 - The Joint Chiefs of Staff
 - Governors
 - The diplomatic corps
- In addition, bleachers built above the platform, on the Upper West Terrace will hold another 1,000 people including choirs and guests.
- It is built entirely of lumber, to protect the surfaces of the Capitol.
- The platform is fully ADA compliant.
- It is a stadium design, which maximizes the sightlines for the guests on the platform.
- It is designed to blend architecturally with the U.S. Capitol.
- Planning and design of the platform began more than a year ago.